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# THE OREGON GIANTS FINEST GIANT RUFFLED PANSIES



GROWN IN THE MERTON G. ELLIS  
TEST GARDENS  
CANBY, OREGON.

# FINEST FLORIST'S MIXTURE

We are making a specialty of our Finest Florist's Mixture. This includes seeds from our very best varieties and should produce exceedingly pleasing results.

Of this mixture, we are selling 1000 seeds for \$1.00, or one-half ounce for \$5.00. (Trial packet of 300 seeds, 35c) Our stock is limited. Order early. (See \* Page 3)

No. 2 — Golden Yellow: These yellows are bound to please. They are very bright and many of them have very dark centers, making a striking contrast. They are ruffled, of heavy texture, and nearly all are three inches or more across. It takes these very deep yellows to brighten up the baskets of blooming pansy plants, and makes them so attractive and salable.

Packet of 150 Seeds — 25 Cents

No. 3 — Light Blue: Our light blues are truly heavenly, matching the clear sky. They are very large, three-inch pansies, and most of them are ruffled. They stand very erect on long stems. Bouquets of solid light blue, or with just a few jet blacks among them, are unsurpassed for beauty.

Packet of 150 Seeds — 25 Cents

No. 4 — White: Very unusual in size for white pansies, being nearly or fully three inches across. Many are ruffled and all of splendid texture. Some have dark blue centers.

Packet of 150 Seeds — 25 Cents

No. 5 — Bronze: These are the finest bronzes we have seen anywhere. This variety also includes many wonderful shades of brown of rare beauty. They are very large and unusual in color and expression. This variety of all others has blooms which seem like real faces.

Packet of 150 Seeds — 25 Cents

No. 6 — Red Shades: These pansies vary from the brightest crimson to the very darkest garnet. Some of these are not quite as large as some of the other varieties, but many are quite unusual in size for red pansies. Our red pansies attract a great deal of attention.

Packet of 150 Seeds — 25 Cents

No. 7 — Cabbage Blue: So named because of its immense size, heavy texture, and because of being so very ruffled. The color is a mixture of blue and white, with several black blotches. The stems are exceedingly long and erect. This variety will stand considerable neglect and still maintain its size. It is not a heavy seed producer, however; and we can only list small packets.

Packet of 50 Seeds — 25 Cents

No. 8 — Black: Most of these are nearly jet black; all of good size and form — none of the wasp-like varieties so frequently seen in black pansies. These may be used exceedingly effectively in beds or vases, with either bright yellow or light blue pansies.

Packet of 150 Seeds — 25 Cents

No. 9 — Bright Rose Purple: Verging on a garnet in color; exceptionally large, it being very common to have these reach a diameter of three and a half inches.

Packet of 150 Seeds — 25 Cents

No. 10 — Dark Blue: Large, splendid velvety texture, rich color and satisfactory in every way. Some of these have a very large, bright yellow eye, and the upper petals bordered with a very pale lavender or light blue, making a very striking contrast.

Packet of 150 Seeds — 25 Cents

No. 11 — Orchid Variety: These pansies are of wonderfully delicate shades and much larger than usually found in this type.

Packet of 150 Seeds — 25 Cents

## No. 12. PERSONALLY SELECTED CHOICE MIXTURE.

All of our seed plants are very carefully selected — only the very largest and best being allowed to remain in the seed-beds. The very finest of these are double-staked for our own seed planting, in order that the quality may improve each year. This method has given us very gratifying results, which are appreciated by our customers.

We also have some new varieties that are not yet sufficiently established to put on the market separately, which have attracted much local admiration.

We will have a small surplus of this EXTRA CHOICE MIXTURE, of which we will sell a packet of 100 seeds for 50 cents.

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In some climates, it is desirable to plant seed in mid or late summer, while in other parts of the country, it is equally satisfactory to wait till early September, or even October.

\*Our fresh seed is not produced in large quantities till mid-summer, and because of the ever increasing demand, it is impossible to fill all our orders as early as we would like. Therefore, customers who must have their seed sent them before August 15th will please add 25% to the list price. For instance: one packet (1,000 seeds) Finest Florist's Mixture will be \$1.25 before August 15th, or one-half ounce will cost \$6.25 instead of \$5.00.

It is our intention to fill most of our orders between August 15th and August 20th. Any customers who request that their seed be mailed after August 20th will receive 25% more in seed count. A great many of the very best Pansies produce scarcely any seed till quite late, so the late orders are filled with seeds of extra quality.

TERMS:—Please send remittance with order to:—

**MRS. MERTON G. ELLIS,  
CANBY, OREGON.**

(Visitors are welcome to visit our gardens. No business transacted on Sundays.)

# WHAT OTHERS THINK OF THE OREGON GIANTS

"For years I have been trying to procure a Pansy that excelled both in color and size, and have found this in the Oregon Giants. I received some of your seed and have had exceptional success. The pale blues were wonderful."

H. C. Weinmann, Indianola, Iowa.

"Kindly send me your best Pansy Seed. Last year I had a package, and will say that they were the finest I have ever seen, and only wish I had space enough to spare to plant a thousand."

J. L. Callaghan, 3408 Webster St., Oakland, Calif.

"I would like you to save me one package each of the 12 varieties listed. The ones I received from you last season were the most wonderful colors and mammoth in size of any Pansies I have bought. They are still very large of flower, and are the admiration of our village."

A. T. Lenzen, No. Attleboro, Mass.

"I am sending you an order for Pansy Seed to plant this Fall. Two years ago I planted your seeds and had the most wonderful pansies I have ever seen. We measured some that were  $3\frac{1}{4}$  inches, and all shades and colors. People came for many miles to see them, and I sold quite a lot of plants and gave away a great many blossoms."

Mrs. G. V. Robinson, Rough & Ready, Calif.

"I have never seen such Pansies as grew from your seed. The whole neighborhood has gone wild over the Oregon Giants."

Mrs. W. F. Wilt, Kearneysville, W. Va.

"We saw some of your wonderful Pansies at San Dimas, and want some too."

Mrs. Maybell Watson, Sta. T., Los Angeles, Calif.

"I was so well pleased with the Pansies produced from the Seed purchased from you last year that I am enclosing herewith money order for the same quantity of the Oregon Giants. I never saw such size of bloom or colors."

F. C. Stone, Prescott, Ont., Canada.

"Please send me your package of Finest Florist's Mixture Pansy Seed as soon as possible. The seed I got last year produced some wonderful blooms. Everyone says, 'What lovely pansies!' My pansy bed at present is just full of blooms of wonderful size and color, and it has been so all summer. I am certainly delighted with them."

Mrs. E. Whitehead, Gen. Del., Woodstock, Ont., Canada.

"I saw some of your prize Pansies at the Flower Show here last year and want to add them to my much cherished garden."

Mrs. Jas. H. Ravin, 126 Wellington St. N., Woodstock, Ont., Canada.

"I wish it were possible to tell you how much fun I had with the Pansies grown last year from your Seed. The plants grew and they blossomed and blossomed and blossomed, and are still blooming today. Everyone said, 'I never saw such pansies!' With the help of friends and neighbors I kept them traveling, and they took part in weddings, funerals, parties, receptions; they have said farewell to travelers, greeted babies, and always, everywhere have given comfort and joy."

Miss J. E. Watson, 2521 Webster St., Berkeley, Calif.



"Kindly forward another packet of your Oregon Giant Pansy Seed and also send one to my friend who thought my Pansies last year were the finest, largest, and most beautiful she had ever seen."

My Pansies took the town for finest blooms,—some 3 inches, some  $3\frac{1}{2}$ . Sent them to Chamber of Commerce, Woman's Improvement Club, and to all lovers of flowers. I had a bed of about 300 or more, and they were simply magnificent."

Mrs. Augusta F. Fleming, Box 267, Jackson, Calif.

"I am taking time to write you about my pansies. I had about 20,000 transplanted, and the very favorable weather started them blooming unusually early. People are kind enough to say that they are the finest they have ever seen. It is also true as far as I am concerned. There is no doubt that your Seed comes nearest to producing less cull flowers of any Seed that I have tried."

Clyde Coffin, Windfall, Indiana.

(The reason for this is the careful selection of seed-plants year after year, no small or mediocre pansies beng left in the garden to pollenate the others.)

"People are so familiar with the phrase 'Giant Pansies' that unless they see yours, they don't realize the real difference in Giants."

M. Emerson Main, Westerly, R. I.

"I wish I could find words in the English vocabulary to describe the Pansy blossoms from your seed. I never saw the like before! They are all very large—larger than anything I've seen anywhere around here, excepting my mother's, which came from the same source."

Mrs. George S. Birch, Vineland, N. J.

"I want to tell you what extreme pleasure the pansies gave me from your seed. I took first prize at our County Fair and so many of my friends told me they never saw such pansies. I have a bouquet in the house now which is late for this climate."

Miss Maude L. Collver, Simcoe, Ont., Canada.

"I am charmed with the splendid pansies grown from your seed."

Miss Alberta Byrne, Tyndall, So. Dakota.

"Last year I purchased 1,000 seeds of your Florist's Mixture and these Pansies are the admiration of the neighborhood."

G. W. Thacker, Leroy, Michigan.

The Oregon Giants have been locally described as "Pansies so large that they have to be turned sideways to pass through the door!"

We recently received a copy of the following extract which was printed in "Commercial Appeal", a paper published in Memphis, Tennessee and which contains news of Arkansas, Mississippi, Alabama and Tennessee. It appeared on the editorial page and was a great surprise to Mrs. Murphy, who has made a name for herself and The Oregon Giants in four states.

"Macon, Miss., May 7. Macon has been made the City of Pansies by Mrs. Juanita Murphy, a nature-loving little woman who unconsciously fell into a business that has made her name famous in these parts, and has gladdened numberless homes in the city with a profusion of pansy bloom that is a riot of beauty and color. Because of an overabundance of flowers, friends suggested selling the surplus, which she tentatively did, almost at once finding herself smothered with orders for more. From a North-western Florist she had ordered seed of a special variety of giant pansies for the satisfaction of trying out a new variety, and these came up to and then far surpassed her hopes for their production, with a bewildering profusion of perfect blooms that were a marvel to every beholder because of their size. Orders for these pansies and the plants rolled in, and scarcely a home can be passed where there is not a reminder of this unconsciously launched florist in the form of giant pansies of every tint and marking known to the breeders of the almost human-faced flowers."

## CULTURAL DIRECTIONS.

In most climates best results are obtained by planting Pansy Seed in the latter part of August or early September. If planted much earlier the seedlings will be ready to transplant before the Fall rains start and they are apt to die out.

Sow the seed thinly in flats and just barely cover the seed with sifted dirt. More people get a poor germination because of planting the seed too deep than any other cause except by letting the flats or seed-boxes dry out. They **must be kept moist.** Cover the seed-beds during the hot mid-day sunshine with a single sheet of newspaper or a cloth frame. Protect them also when there is apt to be a heavy storm. Seed should germinate in about a week in August. It takes a little longer later in the Fall.

Transplant when the seedlings have three or four leaves if the weather conditions are favorable. Better to let them become a little crowded than to transplant during a hot dry spell. They should be planted out in the open where they will get plenty of sunshine and where they will remain for spring blooming unless the winter is apt to be entirely too severe. In some places they will need the protection of cold frames but pansies will stand even some zero weather if protected by straw. Pansies that weather it through the winter out in the open will make the sturdiest plants, by far, and produce the largest, finest blooms.

Pansies want especially rich soil, plenty of sunshine, irrigation and shallow cultivation.

